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| <u>AMENDMENTS</u>  |   |   |  |
| 3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection,  (a) They raise new issues that would require further co   | nsideration and/or search (see NO   |   | ecause                                     |
| <ul> <li>(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below)</li> <li>(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in be</li> </ul>  |   | ducina or simplifyina   | the issues for                             |
| appeal; and/or   | nor rollin for appear by materially re  | cacing or ampinying   |  |
| (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a   |   | ected claims.   |  |
| NOTE: (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).   |   |   |  |
| 4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.1  |   | mpliant Amendment   | (PTOL-324).                                |
| 5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s)   |   |   |  |
| 6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be a non-allowable claim(s).   |   |   |  |
| 7.  For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) how the new or amended claims would be rejected is pro The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: Claim(s) allowed: Claim(s) objected to: Claim(s) rejected: 1-21. Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:                              |   | il be entered and an e  | explanation of                             |
| AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE  |   |   |  |
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| <ol> <li>The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing<br/>entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to<br/>showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessar</li> </ol>  | overcome all rejections under appe  | al and/or appellant fai   | ils to provide a                           |
| <ol> <li>The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation<br/>REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER</li> </ol>   | n of the status of the claims after e   | ntry is below or attach   | ned.                                       |
| 11. The request for reconsideration has been considered bu   | ut does NOT place the application is  | n condition for allowa  | nce because:                               |
| 12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s).   | (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)   | $\lambda$   |  |
| 13. ☑ Other: See Continuation Sheet.   |   | Hareda  |  |
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Continuation of 13. Other: Applicants' arguments have been considered but not found persuasive. Applicants argue that Genis teaches the process of preparing the composition at 80 degrees C, whereas instant composition is processed at 65 degrees. It is argued that instant process employs much less energy than the process of Genis because the process requires heating at a temperature lower than the of genis and hence needs less energy to cool. Applicants' arguments are not persuasive general differences in the concentration or temperature will not support patentability of subject matter encompassed by the prior art unless there is evidence indicating such concentration or temperature is critical. In re Aller, 220 F.2d 454, 456, 105 USPQ 233, 235 (CCPA 1955). In the instant case, applicants have not shown if the claimed process conditions are critical. Accordingly, the rejections of record have been maitained.